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*Il Piccolo Giornale* is the official newsletter of Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay, Wi.

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## Italian-American Heritage



## National Italian American Heritage Month

Celebrate the many achievements and successes of Italian Americans

Every year the U.S. president signs an executive order designating the month of October as National Italian American Heritage Month. Coinciding with the festivities surrounding Columbus Day, the proclamation is recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in America.

Over 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1992. Today there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fifth largest ethnic group. The country was even named after an Italian, the explorer and geographer Amerigo Vespucci. One way to cele-

brate Italian American heritage is with The Complete Idiot's Guide to Italian History and Culture, which includes the accomplishments and successes of many Italian Americans.

Federico Fellini, the movie director, once said that "language is culture and culture is the language," and nowhere is this more true than in Italy. There was a time when speaking Italian was considered a crime, but nowadays many Italian Americans are learning Italian to discover more about their family heritage.

## UPDATE ON LANGUAGE CLASSES

Lisa Meli is currently teaching three Italian classes an advanced, an intermediate and a beginners. She wants to put together an **EASY Beginning Beginners class** for those with no Italian language experience

and want to take it a bit slow.

Learning Italian is a fun and light-hearted way to keep your mind active and have fun with others that have similar interest.

There is a Wednesday morning class from 10:30 to 12:00 and a Tuesday afternoon class from 12:30 to 2:00. There will be an evening class most likely on Mondays.

**Call or email Lisa Joy Meli to sign up or ask any questions you might have at [global-kids2000@gmail.com](mailto:global-kids2000@gmail.com) or (920) 562-7327.**

## MEMBERSHIP

Please join us in welcoming **Sharon Balducci**, a returning member.

**Sharon is originally from Stambaugh, MI and is a cousin to Marlene Feira.**

**Benvenuta.**

## September 2016 Passeggiata on the Fox at Nuk's Thai Restaurant

**The third and final passeggiata of the year broke the mold for our club.** 21 members hungry for a new adventure ventured to a lovely Asian restaurant for our last stroll of the summer. Remember, culture is a large part of our why we exist, albeit it's usually focused on Italian culture. But we did manage to get in a stroll before the rain began which fulfilled the Italian component of our evening.

**Nuk's**, sits on the bank of the Fox River so we were treated to wonderful views of the water and sky, even if it was limited to shades of grey due to the weather. Not sure if there were fifty, but it was quite the monochromatic palette outside the patio doors. But the not-so-nice weather didn't dampen anyone's spirits thanks to the lovely interior. Members were treated to delicate and representational decor upon entering. A huge Buddha ablaze with lights and a fountain greeted diners as they entered the foyer. Twinkling lights strung round the tables sparkled and added a festive glow. Then it was time to belly up to the spacious bar for a cocktail and conversation before dining. It was well stocked and everyone enjoyed a beverage of their liking.



Members shared two large tables overlooking the patio and river. Multiple servers were most gracious helping members decide choices and the level of heat they preferred in their entree. We were treated to luscious coconut curries with fresh vegetables. Noodle dishes with tasty brown savory sauces. Entrees consisted of many choices: pork, chicken, beef, shrimp and vegetarian. A few members shared some absolutely scrumptious spring rolls. **Nancy Fowler** thoroughly convinced the **Kloster's** they should try some. And they were glad they did! Everyone found something to their liking. It was evident by the smiles at both tables midway through that **Nuk's** was a winner. Our final passeggiata was a winner indeed.



It should also be noted that our second stroll in **August at The Rite Place** was another tasty success. **Steve (Marini) and Shelly Bowe - organized "La Seconda" (second Passeggiata)** and did a grand job of overseeing details and ensuring a good time was had by all. **"La prima" (first Passeggiata) was organized by Collette Arkens and Paul Marino** on July 12. The walk took place at **He-Nis-Ra Park** followed by the meal at the **Fire Grill**. Grazie mille to the three couples who volunteered and planned the summer 2016 Passeggiate. Thanks all for another wonderful summer season of strolling and dining with **Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay!**



## Movie Anyone !?

By Lynn Thompson

Back in spring I announced an idea that I think will hit some of your spots for the forthcoming cooler weather, so I am re-publishing this version of the article. Try hosting an Italian home movie party it's a lot of fun!

Awhile back a few club members gathered at the home of **Steve and Shelley Bowe** to view the first segment of the club's copy of the Wisconsin Public Television production: **"The Italian Americans."** We started with hors d'oeuvres and wine, viewed this great production together, then had a fun discussion around the table, enjoying the tasty meal prepared by **Shelley**.

We had such a great time together that we decided to recommend **"Italian Home Movie Parties"** to other club members.

Anyone who wishes to host such a get-together could determine the movie, date, time, and whether the food is snacks, a meal, a dessert, etc., provided by the host or brought in potluck-style.

Movies can be obtained at the **Brown County Library** where there is a substantial Italian film collection. Several members of the club may also be willing to lend their own Italian movie videos. **Call or email Lynn Thompson if you are willing to share any of your Italian movies or are wishing to know which club members are willing to do so.**

**Vicky Sobek** has copies of the wonderful 20th anniversary slide show produced by her husband, **Darrell** available for \$5, the soundtrack of which is marvelous and would provide excellent Italian music for your dining pleasure!

As a host you can either contact members from our club directory. Another option would be to send **Vicky** a write-up about your party, including date, time, place, what to bring, as well as a maximum

amount of people you could host. **Vicky** would then openly invite our membership on a first come-first served basis. If you would like to invite new club members, **Vicky** could indicate some names to you, as well. Or, if you know anyone who may be interested in joining our club, this would certainly be a great way to make them feel welcome and to get to know them better!

**It's a fun way to share our Italianismo and enjoy our club friends!!**

### MUSICALE-NUMERO NUOVE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!!**

The program for our 9th Musicale is in the process of being finalized. This year the theme is **"Stolen Melodies."**

**Returning performers include Giovanni Contratto, Genadi Maltinski, Jennifer Stevens, Mary Hall (vocal and flute) , Randi Faye (after a year's absence and Marlene Feira on piano. New this year will be Tim Olenjniczak, Sergio Heredia and Victor de Leon on violin. The Musicale promises to be a winner!**

**Watch for a special invitation for more information and remember to mark your calendars Tuesday, October 25.**

**You won't want to miss this popular club event!**

### DATES TO REMEMBER!!

**October has been declared National Italian American Heritage Month?**

**In honor of our Italian culture Club ItalianoAmericano will celebrate with two events.**

**The first will be our 10th annual Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 8th. This year we are setting a goal of 100 members and friends to celebrate with us.**

**Fatima (Traverso) Baenen has volunteered to make the sauce!**

## **TENTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016 4:30 TO 7:30 PM**

**October 8, Saturday talian Heritage Month/Spaghetti Dinner Columbus Day Celebration**

**TRIANGLE PARK CHALET (BAIRD CREEK PARKWAY)**

**500 Beverly Road, Green Bay, WI 54301**

**\$10.00 ADULTS - \$5.00 STUDENTS & CHILDREN 18 TO 6 YEARS OLD DUNDER 6 YEARS OF AGE - FREE**

**MC: Patrick Kloster**

**PROGRAM:**

**4:30 TO 5:30: ITALIAN WORD GAME AND SOCIALIZING**

**5:30 TO 6:30: SPAGHETTI DINNER, Spaghetti, Marinara & Meat Sauces prepared by Fatima Baenen, Italian Sausage & Bread Sticks, prepared by Luigi's Bistro, Salad by Janice Galt**

**Dolce: If you would like, please join Mary T., Victoria S., Lisa I, Vladimir W., & Peg A. in making an Italian desert of your choosing and bring to share.**

**BRING A BEVERAGE OF YOUR CHOICE WINE, SODA, BEER, WATER**

**6:45 To 7:15: TARANTELLA; Marlene Feira**

**7:22 TO 7:30: DESSERT (DOLCE)**

**7:31 TO 8:00: CLEAN UP ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED**

**We need an exact head count in order to have enough food for everyone. Your assistance is appreciated in assuring this event is a grand time and all will have plenty to eat.**

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO CLUB ITALOAMERICANO AND MAIL TO: VICTORIA SOBECK, 1810 OAKHILL DR., GB, WI 54313. OR CALL: 920.865-7229.

NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

GRAZIE E CIAO !!!!!

The second event will be our 9th annual Musicale which will be held on Tuesday, October 25.

### Dinner And A Movie Night

Our fall movie is scheduled for November 16.

"La Strada" is the title of the movie.

### Green Bay 33rd Annual AT&T Holiday Parade

The 33rd Annual AT&T Holiday Parade is swiftly approaching (November 19, 2016).

In 2015 Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay was honored to receive the Grand Marshall award.

In order to make our presence known we will need the following from CLUB MEMBERS to make a GRAND appearance 2016.

Requirements for the 33rd Annual AT&T Holiday Parade:

1 Trailer

1 Vehicle to pull trailer

1 garage to house trailer within 1/2 mile from downtown (for the duration of the decorating process)

3 Club Members to be on the Food Committee

15 CLUB Members to be on the Float Dec-

orating Committee

4 CLUB Members on the Costume Committee (seamstress or sewere)

20-25 CLUB Members to be participants in the Parade

If you have an interest showing your Italian Spirit by participating and/or are willing to contribute your time and talent please contact **Lisa Iapalucci for further details L.iapalucci87@gmail.com**

The theme for the Parade will be released at the end of July at which time our Italian theme will be able to be decided. Last year the theme was "La Bafana."

Club members who participated had a merry time as we swept the streets of Green Bay. We enjoyed our victory afterward with a celebratory toast at St Brendan's.

**The parade is broadcast live and aired throughout the holiday season— what a fantastic FREE Membership Drive!**

### WisItalia Visit

By Lynn Thompson

Al Rolandi, President of our state organization WisItalia, came up to Green Bay to visit our dear Pete Feira on September 7. Along with Teofilo, Marlene, and Lynn, we had a very nice conversation about Pete and Marlene's role in founding and growing the high school Italian Language Program since 2008, as well as the past,



present, and future of the program.

It was good to hear Pete's ideas and continuing passion for keeping the program strong and growing.

From there, Al, Teofilo, and Lynn met with the principal of Preble High School, Natasha Rowell, to make a personal connection and explain the role, history, and mission of WisItalia and Club ItaloAmericano with regards to their Italian Language Program. We discussed the past growth and potential future expansion of the program, including a possible addition of Italian 3 and 4 for AP credit.

AP (Advanced Placement) classes are highly desirable for college-bound students, since they are given college credits for their successful completion. Also, since many universities require 3 years of high school foreign language, more students would potentially be interested in studying Italian, knowing that they could develop it more fully and satisfy the college entrance requirement, as well. Italian language is an excellent complement to studies in many areas, including history, international business, music, and the visual arts.

**Al communicated WisItalia's intentions to continue their annual financial support in the form of grants that originate from partners in Rome.**

We enjoyed our visit with Preble's most supportive and positive principal!

We then met briefly with our Italian Language teacher, Laurie Stimpson, as she was enroute from her classes at Preble to East High School, where she also teaches two classes.

We are fortunate to have Laurie with her excellent background of living in Italy and teaching at a university level.

**Then, naturally, Al, Teofilo, and Lynn met over lunch at Luigi's to reflect, plan and savor!!! It was a productive and enjoyable day!**

## CHRONOLOGY of EVENTS

2016

October 8, Saturday . . . . . Spaghetti Dinner

October 25, Tuesday . . . . . Musicale

November 16. . . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie

November 19, Saturday . . . . . Green Bay Holiday Parade

December 3, Saturday . . . . . Cena di Natale

### CLUB LIBRARY

John Contratto has started a club library, which he will bring to each event he participates in.

Books may be borrowed for a month.

Names of borrowers, phone numbers and email addresses are recorded.

Books are welcome from lenders. All books will remain under the ownership of the lender. The club will not assume liability for any lost books.

### THE CLUB LENDING LIBRARY:

#### **LANZA**

A biography of Mario Lanza

by Raymond Strait and Terry Robinson

#### **SINATRA**

by Anthony Summers

#### **WONDERS OF ITALY**

A Photographic Journey through Landscape, Art and Architecture

Oversize coffee table type book

#### **PAGANINI**

A biography of Nicolo Paganini (violinist)

By Leslie Sheppard and Dr. Herbert Axelrod

#### **VERDIE**

A biography of Giuseppe Verdi (composer)

By Francis Toye

#### **GREEN, WHITE, RED**

The Italian-American Success Story

By Dominic Pulera

#### **THE COMPLETE OPERAS OF PUCCINI**

By Charles Osborne

#### **VIVALDI**

By Marc Pincherle

#### **VENICE: LION CITY**

By Garry Wills

#### **VENICE**

Pictorial Travelogue

By Bonechi

#### **FLORENCE**

Pictorial Travelogue

By Bonechi

#### **THE MEDICI**

By Ferdinand Schevill

### ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be **submitted to me by the 25th. (think Cmas) of the month.** You should email articles as an attachment in **Microsoft Word and pictures in a jpeg format.**

**My email address is:**

**paolomarino1@gmail.com**

**Questions— call me at 612-360-8246**

### CLUB MEMBERS IN BUSINESS

**We have several club members that are in the restaurant business:**

**Bilotti's in De Pere, Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Sammy's Pizza in Green Bay, Titledown Brewery in Green Bay, Captains Walk Winery in Green Bay, Polito's Pizza in Green Bay, the Oilerie in Fish Creek and on Lineville Road in Green Bay.**

**Whenever you visit these businesses, please mention that you are a member of Club ItaloAmericano as a support of their business and membership.**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 20 October at Luigi's on Manitowoc Road at 5:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members. Please join us we would love to have you there. We have fun and get things done!



